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TROPICO IS BORN A CITY— RESULT OF ELECTION IS IN FAVOR OF INCORPORATION.

Large Majority of Voters Declare In Favor of Incorporation—The Ticket of City Officers As Proposed by the Chamber of Commerce Is Elected.

On Tuesday the election took place at which the question of the incorporation of Tropico as a City of the Sixth Class was decided. The vote cast was large in spite of inclement weather. Ardent workers and hustlers on both sides were out with automobiles gathering in the voters. Two hundred and eighty-five electors out of 306 qualified to vote in this district cast their ballots. Of this number, 267 were counted, 18 being declared illegal. 110 were against incorporation and 157 voted for incorporation, making the majority 47 in favor of making the town a city. Figuring in percentage, 58.6 per cent. of the legal votes cast were in favor of incorporation while 43.4 per cent. expressed an opposite state of mind.

It is gratifying to state that there was no friction manifested at the polls, both sides, however, working hard all day to land votes for their respective sides. The rain made the task of canvassing and gathering the voters very disagreeable, but everybody was good natured all day, in spite of the friction that had been engendered previously.

While the incorporationists have signally won this victory, they have another fight on their hands next Monday when the anti's will attempt to have declared illegal the procedure of the Board of Supervisors in calling the election, on the grounds that the boundaries were changed without due notice being given and that the population of the district was not properly stated.

Judge Wilbur will hear the arguments Monday next in Department 8 of the Superior Court. Walter Haas represents the anti's Judge Stephens assisted by Deputy Dist. Atty. Hanna will represent the Board of Supervisors and the city of Tropico.

THE INJUNCTION HEARING.

Court Refused to Grant the Injunction Prayed for, and Set Next Monday for Further Hearing.

The application for an order to restrain the Tropico incorporation election, made in the name of H. H. Davenport, but at the instance of another person, came up before Judge Curtis D. Wilbur in Department 8 of the Superior Court on Monday last at 10 o'clock. The party plaintiff in interest was represented by Walter Haas. Respondents, the Board of Supervisors and officers of the election were represented by Deputy Dist. Atty. Hanna and Judge Albert M. Stephens.

The hearing of Mr. Haas had not proceeded very far when he was interrupted by the court with the inquiry when the proposed election was to come off, and the further inquiry why the commencement of the action had been delayed until so late an hour—on the very eve of it. To this no satisfactory answer was submitted and His Honor pointedly gave counsel to understand they need not expect a decision from him off-hand, interfering with the sovereign right of the people of any community to hold an election. But Mr. Haas was allowed to proceed, which he did, attacking the order of the board authorizing the election because of the absence of a showing of jurisdictional facts and irregularity of proceedings too tedious to mention, upon which the order was based, quoting authorities of remote bearing on the case. In reply Judge Stephens was proceeding to read his authorities to the effect that the findings of the Board of Supervisors as to number of inhabitants, boundaries, etc., unless fraud were shown, were conclusive, when the Court with a few prefatory observations denied the writ. Apparently not satisfied, Mr. Haas prayed for a hearing of his application restraining the Board of Supervisors from certifying the result of the election to the Secretary of State, and was accommodated by the Court's setting it for Monday next.

OFFICIALS OF OUR CITY.

The following named men were elected to serve as the first board of directors and officers of the City of Tropico, last Tuesday:

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C. C. RITTENHOUSE,
E. W. RICHARDSON,
DANIEL WEBSTER.

For Treasurer:

JOHN A. LOGAN.

For City Clerk:

S. M. STREET.

For City Marshal,

JAMES L. FISHBACK.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson of Glendale was a guest of Mrs. B. F. Burlingham of Laurel Street yesterday.

Mr. C. R. Carmack is putting in sidewalks and curbs around his property on Central avenue and Oak Drive.

N. C. Burch will prepare your deeds, leases, mortgages, and other legal papers, and do any and all your Notary work. Office at residence, Cerritos Avenue, Tropico, Cal.

A. L. Burbank of Portland, Me., on a tour of California and the West, visited in Tropico yesterday. A large host of relatives of Mr. Burbank reside here, among whom are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seaman, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Weston, Miss M. E. Weston and Mr. C. W. Soule.

The protracted rainstorm has put a temporary damper on building operations in the Richardson tract. Work on the three new dwellings in process of construction there is at a standstill. A whole block of bungalows is to be erected on this tract. The plans are drawn and contracts for material and work are having prompt consideration by the owners.

LOCAL MENTION.

Mr. Sinclair is building him a residence on Mira Loma to cost about \$3000.

Mrs. Nellie Simpson of Laurel street has been visiting for a week at Riverside.

The two candidates for City Marshal had an exciting race in the election. Mr. Fishback won by 5 votes.

Hotel Tropico is making some improvements in the interest of the house.

Watch Tropico grow! This is the slogan of the boosters now, and there are lots of them, too.

A. J. Neimeyer is in St. Louis. His lumber business is in charge of Mr. McAdams who is manager of the yard.

The Basket Factory is running full time and we understand has some trouble in getting sufficient help.

Mrs. John Bodman's father and mother have returned to Stockton after a visit of two months in Tropico.

Mrs. Thomas Atkinson of Milford street entertained at luncheon today several friends from Los Angeles.

Mrs. L. P. Cutter and son of Los Angeles, paid a few days' visit to her sister, Mrs. F. H. Davis.

Mrs. Mann and family of Los Angeles have moved into their new residence on Gardena avenue in the Richardson tract.

The Central Feed & Fuel Company is the latest business to enter the Tropico field. Kirkham Bros., are the proprietors.

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THE TROPICO LIBRARY.

Easter Sale Is Being Planned By Which Funds Will Be Raised for the Purchase of More Books.

The Tropico Free Library was established five years ago under the management of the Thursday Afternoon Club of Tropico. During this time the library has filled a need which could not have been filled in any other way. The public has at all times been supplied with good reading matter, both books and magazines, at practically no cost to the public. It has been the custom twice a year for the board to have a tag day, the proceeds of which have been spent entirely for books. There are now nearly 1000 volumes owned by the library. At present the location is over the bank, and the rent is donated by the business men. The library board consists of the following officers: President, Mrs. B. W. Richardson; secretary, Mrs. J. H. Webster; Mrs. E. J. Parratt, Mrs. A. J. Logan, Mrs. W. H. Bullis, Mrs. C. R. Wilkinson, Miss Harris.

Plans are now being made for an Easter sale to be given for the benefit of the library fund. An announcement will be made later when plans of the sale or bazaar are more fully completed.

The public is cordially invited to the Library Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

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All aboard for Tropico.

For incorporation, 157
Against incorporation, 110.

Come on, people, and join the ranks of Tropico Boosters.

There is no question but the old town of Tropico went "wet" on election day.

The golden lips of our Senator Gates are never ajar but to some good purpose.

The incorporation campaign committee opened the day of the election with a claim of 175 voters on their side. All but six appeared and voted.

We doubt considerably if the best way of finding favor with the Tropico community is to be found in fighting it.

The Associated Press enumerates thirteen conspicuous failures in counting results of the doings of Congress in its last session.

Drenched to the skin, wet without and dry within, not a man of either side deserted his post, but fought manfully and good naturedly on to the end.

Who said Tropico isn't going "wet" with snow on the mountains, rain in the valleys and prosperity everywhere. The grouchy pessimist has concluded to go out of business.

Borough is the designation applied to an incorporated township formed under an enabling act of the Legislature similar to the act that enables cities and towns to incorporate and consolidate.

George Shima, the Japanese potato king, it is said, will clean up \$150,000 on his crop of spuds this year. He had 4300 acres planted to potatoes and his profit averages 45c per sack.

If all of "Lucky" Baldwin's illegitimate offspring were to come in for a share in his vast estate, while there might not be enough of it to go around, they wouldn't get more than they ought to have. The claim of the Turnbull kid has been denied by the Probate Court of the county.

Brother Sherer: Your kind invitation to join you in the newspaper swim is fondly appreciated. As you truthfully say, the water is delightful but not yet dangerously deep. We regret the necessity of confessing that it is little a muddier than is pleasant or agreeable to our sense of decency. But there are hopeful symptoms of its immediate cleansing. We hope to be able to do our part in carrying on the clarifying process.

The objections to the legality of the incorporation of the town of Tropico apply with equal force to the incorporation of the city of Glendale. Attorney Baker, who is the attorney for the incorporation of Tropico, was the attorney for the incorporation of Glendale, and says the procedure in both cases is exactly the same. If Tropico's bonds would be invalid what is the logical inference to be drawn as to the validity of Glendale's? But there need be no worry on that head—about the validity of Tropico's bonds. Tropico's affairs will be conducted on a cash basis.

It is early, perhaps, to take up the question of organizing the borough system of municipal government under the measure for the consolidation of the City and County of Los Angeles which Senator Hewitt is pressing in the Legislature. But as a starter in this section, how would the Borough of Riverside do for the territory adjacent to Los Angeles river on the northeast, to include Tropico, West Glendale, North Glendale, Burbank and the new town of Lankershim, leaving the remainder of the San Fernando Valley to the north, including Antelope Valley for the Borough of Fernando?

NOW GET TOGETHER AGAIN.

The majority of the qualified electors of Tropico expressed their will and desire on Tuesday to make of our town a city of the sixth class. There is no doubt, judging by the percentage of votes counted as a majority, about the sentiment of the people against annexing the strip proposed to Glendale and of their wish to govern themselves.

Their were bitter blows given and taken in the campaign just closed, and many wounds were made, old-time friendships which date back to the early days of Tropico were broken in the heat of argument of discussion and circulation of campaign literature. But now the question is settled we believe, for we do not apprehend any adverse ruling of the court on Monday next in the hearing on the legality of the election, etc., so let neighbor forget the harsh words of neighbor, and let every man pull together for the upbuilding of our little community. A community such as ours, fair as a garden, blessed with the advantage of comparative location, enjoying all the bounties of climate, soil and water which in California mean success, should allow no factional fight to mar its sublimity. This place is destined by reason of its proximity to Los Angeles to be a city of suburban homes. Let us all work to the end of making it, then, ideal in every respect, as such. To do this we must all pull together and work together. What is good for the city is good for the individual property owner and resident. Bury your hatchet, if you have one, and grab hold of the windlass handle and pull all together.

How will the board of trustees of the town of Tropico get along for money with which to pay the debts or liabilities they must necessarily incur in the discharge of their duties during the time that must elapse before they can have a revenue from taxation for such purpose? The Code provides "that any city or town during the first year of its existence . . . may incur such indebtedness or liability as may be necessary, not exceeding in all the income and revenue provided for in such year," etc. The code provides further that, if at any time the board of trustees shall deem it necessary to incur any indebtedness in excess of the money in the treasury applicable to the purpose for which such indebtedness, they shall give notice of a special election by the qualified electors of the city or town, to be held to determine whether such indebtedness be incurred; specifying what the notice shall contain, where and how often published, etc., and providing that if two-thirds of the qualified voters voting shall vote in favor of incurring the indebtedness, it shall be the duty of the board to pass an ordinance providing for the mode of creating the indebtedness and the payment of the same. A property tax levy cannot exceed seventy-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation.

Two hundred and eighty-five out of three hundred and six electors of the town of Tropico voted at its incorporation election on Tuesday last. Of the number of votes cast, two hundred and sixty-seven were found to be in legal form and were counted: 157 for and 110 against incorporation, 12 illegal ballots for incorporation and 6 illegal ballots against incorporation, thrown out and not counted; making the majority of ballots counted for incorporation 47. Could the 18 ballots thrown out have been counted the majority would have been fifty-nine. But the majority of forty-seven will do. Hurrah!

The trustees and officers-elect of the newly incorporated town of Tropico are men who have the entire confidence of the community. They have conducted their campaign so far as they personally are concerned in a manner to leave no ranking. No one believes for an instant that there will be the least vindictiveness in any of their acts and every good and true citizen will be found on hand and willing to assist in holding up their hands in the framing of measures for the common good.

An exchange says the biggest trust on earth is the newspaper. It trusts anybody, gets cussed for trusting, mistrusted for cussing, and if it busts for trusting, gets cussed for busting. There is one way to bust this trust—pay your subscription.

Population? Why, fifteen hundred is nearer the mark than twelve hundred. An actual canvass by competent enumerators places it at 1400, not counting many newcomers.

THE FALL OF A BOSS.

[For the Sentinel.]

"Billy" Lorimer began his career in life as a boy boss. A career that has ended in blight. A few days ago forty of eighty-six of his compeers (perhaps that is not the proper term) of the United States Senate voted him guilty of holding his seat in that distinguished body by means of bribery and corruption. A man of fifty, with golden hair and the pink cheeks of a girl, at least as we now remember him, the developed product of a railroad mission school down on State street in the city of Chicago. We have heard or read of him that his first place of honor and distinction was that of pin collector for that obscure mission school; his duties being to discover and collect the pins with which his fellow kids were wont to prod each other. A position of trust and power from which he has fallen to a tainted seat in the Senate of the United States of America. O what a fall was there, my countrymen!

It is the belief of the deliver in the abstruse that with his elevation to that place of authority was planted in the boy's breast the "vaulting ambition"—the virus of the lust for power—that finally led to his grievous undoing. If that be so, how logically correct is the conclusion that the young woman teacher who handed him that first token of preferment is the guilty author of all his woe. Of course we must lay the blame somewhere, and on the woman if there is one handy. How fortuitous for "Billy" in this case. No doubt she was the silent partner in those forced pin-money collections. Thus are the affairs of life so singularly interwoven and correlated. Wonder of wonders. But be that as it may, step by step and always downward from Boy Boss of the mission school to Ward Boss of Wards, Blonde Boss of Chicago, and Serene Boss of the Republican Party of Illinois—and Boss of the job that landed him in the United States Senate—every step on the decline. It is said that, on a time, he submitted his plan of political organization for the approval of that sturdy old patriot, Gen. John A. Logan. The sulphuric condition that attended their contemptuous consignment to the waste basket may be better imagined than described. His capture of the Democratic vote of the Illinois legislature which sent him to the Senate, was not the first instance of the exercise of his persuasive qualifications in overcoming Democratic obstruction. It must be fourteen or fifteen years ago that he met with his first success in that line when he overcame a Democratic majority of four thousand in a district of Chicago that sent him to Congress. You see Democratic votes are his meat. He prospers, thrives, on a diet of stand-patners interlarded with a choice complement of marketable Democrats.

There were two spectacular performances in the career of the serene boss of the Illinois herd of political cattle. One was when he rushed an Illinois State convention and made Dick Yates the candidate of his party for Governor. The other was when at the head of a force of insurgents in the Lower House of Congress he bullied Tom Reed into a concession of their demands, drove the administration from its attitude in Cuban affairs of "peace at any price," brought on intervention and precipitated the war with Spain. His friends point tauntingly to this episode in proof of his responsibility for the appearance on the stage of national political life of the John the Baptist of New Nationalism; thus again making manifest how big results do sometimes grow from small beginnings, and justifying the doing of evil that good may come. N. C. BURCH.

An act that has passed the Legislature declaring that the claim of a municipality to water supply is superior to that of a private interest has been approved by the Governor and become a law.

Assemblyman Griffin's Eight-hour bill for women has passed the Senate, and is sure to become a law, whereat the victorious women are "wild with joy," the Sacramento dispatches inform us. The tired house-wife will now have the lawful right to make the old man take his breakfast at 8 and be in bed at 8. Sure, that is a righteous law, the Eight-hour law.

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THE AERIAL TROLLEY.

An Invention Now Being Perfected at Burbank Which Will Revolutionize Interurban Traffic.

At Burbank there is now being completed what its inventors call an aerial trolley car, a new means of carrying passengers which promises to surpass the present trolley car as effectively and probably as quickly as the trolley displaced the cable and horse cars of less than a decade ago.

The aerial trolley car is the invention of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fawkes, for several years residents of Burbank. Already several patents have been issued and others are pending covering all the distinctive features of this new car. The car is only partially completed as yet, and only a short track has been built, but enough has been done to assure the inventors and others interested that it will be successful as a means of rapid and cheap passenger transportation.

The car is cigar-shaped and will carry fifty-six passengers. It is supported on a single overhead rail of steel on which it rides. This rail is hung from poles much as is the trolley wire of the present trolley system. This rail and its supporting poles are built sufficiently strong to hold a weight of more than five tons on the track now being built, and the car is made principally of aluminum, except those parts which require steel, and is consequently many times lighter than the ordinary trolley car, although with a capacity of about as many passengers.

The power used in propelling the car now being built is a gasoline engine, but electricity can be used the same as on the trolley cars. The car rides about six feet above the ground, and the question naturally arises in your mind, what makes it go? That is one of the distinctive and novel features, one which makes it possible to do away with the roadbed, the expensive part of railway construction and maintenance. This feature is the propeller.

As many as 1600 revolutions per minute can be made by this propeller by means of a 20-horsepower engine, and Mr. Fawkes believes a speed of a hundred miles per hour can be attained on a straight track.

This week several trials have been made in carrying passengers. It was found that only a speed of three or four hundred revolutions of the propeller were necessary to attain all the speed desired on the short track that is now completed. A mile circular track is in course of construction on which the speed qualities can be better determined and the power required more nearly ascertained.

Several Burbank and Tropico people have accepted Mr. and Mrs. Fawkes' invitation to ride, and all say it will be the car of the future. The sensation on starting, it is said, is very much like that experienced on the water—a smooth easy glide hardly noticeable.

Mr. Fawkes estimates that the cost of building the cars will be less than one-half that of the ordinary trolley car and as for the track, \$2000 per mile will build a substantial and lasting line over hill and through valley.

If this estimate of the cost is anywhere near correct it can be readily seen what a wonderful transformation it will make in the passenger traffic of the world. Towns and communities now unconnected to large centers by trolley cars or steam roads may be connected at little cost and without endless delay, and with the speed the car is capable of, minutes and hours will be cut off of time schedules now thought to be fast. Another feature will be that in building the track in crowded and congested places the track can be raised and the car will pass high above the heads of pedestrians and teams. This in turn will do away with many accidents, as well as congestion of traffic in the crowded streets of large cities. Then again in going over hills and mountains, the expensive cuts will not be necessary, and the great cost of roadbed maintenance will not be necessary.

Indeed the outlook is very bright for the future of the aerial trolley, and Mr. and Mrs. Fawkes are to be congratulated on their success and skill, to say nothing of their patience and perseverance and expense incurred in bringing into actual working existence a car which only three short months ago run on paper only.

The Aerial Trolley Company has

been incorporated in the State of California for \$100,000 to promote and extend lines in the State and to build cars. The officers and directors are J. W. Fawkes, president; George C. Melrose, vice-president; Earl Dufer, secretary; Mrs. J. W. Fawkes, treasurer. Mr. J. H. McMillen is a director. Many Tropico people, as well as Los Angeles men of affairs, are stockholders.

AN APOLOGY.

Editor Sentinel: I learn that I have done an injustice to Mr. Dwight Griswold. I regret the injustice and apologize for it. In the issue of the Sentinel of March 2 there appeared an address "To the Voters of Tropico" over the name of "D. Griswold," so made up and printed as to lead everyone who saw and read it to believe that, if he did not write it, he assumed the responsibility for it. Parts of the production were extremely irritating, not so much to the friends of incorporation as to the friends of the men who had accepted the candidacy for the offices to be elected under it, whose motives therefor were impeached as sinister and corrupt, and in whose behalf more particularly I made the "Reply" that appeared in the Sentinel Extra of March 6. I must say that, when I first read of the production I did not believe Mr. Griswold was the author of it, and thought it most unaccountable that he had consented to father it, which he now disclaims doing, although the appearances of his having done so were very convincing. But be that as it may, I regret the injustice done none the less sincerely because of having been led into the doing of it by misleading appearances. I care nothing for the humiliation always attending the making of an apology in the minds of some. In all my long experience in life I never felt humiliated by the acknowledgment of a wrong; but in many instances of wrong to me I have felt that mere pride was all that inexcusably restrained a gracious acknowledgment of it.

N. C. BURCH.

MR. DAVIS TO HIS CRITICS.

Editor Sentinel: The results of the past two elections prove very emphatically that Tropico deserves to manage her own affairs, and as this is an age of majority rule, all good citizens of Tropico should now get together and boost. The majorities were large each time so that there can be no misunderstanding as to the feeling of the people.

The campaign was hard fought, and at the close became very personal. This I regret exceedingly, and wish that it could have passed without any ill feeling. One thing happened at the close which I now wish to correct. An article in last week's Sentinel from the anti-incorporation camp—in which the motives of the candidates and myself were questioned, appeared to be signed by Mr. D. Griswold. The article was very personal and called for an emphatic reply. I regret very much that Mr. Griswold was given credit (or discredit) for articles published in all the space paid for by the anti-incorporationists and written by some one who lacked the courage of their convictions to the extent at least of not signing their name.

As to the personal attack directed against myself, and distributed in the form of circulars at the latest possible moment of the campaign, they are scarcely worth my serious mention. The ridiculousness of the charges is better appreciated by those who know that my home is two blocks from the business center of Tropico and I have a wife and four boys. I have lived in Tropico four years and my record is: Frank Davis is never on the fence. He is either on one side or the other and when he is lined up with friends he stays by them, in spite of the bluff game; many threats were made to injure me in a business way, unless I pulled out of the campaign.

On behalf of the campaign committee I desire to extend our sincere thanks to the citizens for their loyal support, and now hope we can all get together and back up the city officials in making Tropico the best little town in Southern California.

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GOOD-NIGHT.

[Written for The Sentinel by a Tropico Grammar School Pupil, Aged 13.]

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About the moon-boat floating.
How the fairies play, in the milky way
And the little stars go boating.

Hark you then!
To the fairies in the glen
And the night owl, how he's hooting.
And the patter of feet, as the brownies meet,
Make the lubbaby train go tooting.

So good night,
May your dreams be bright,
As the moonbeam's silvery glances
Upon you rest with dreams the best,
When around your bed it dances.
MARY EICHBAUM.
Tropico, Cal., March 6, 1911.

RICH LANDS FOR ENTRY.

Congress passed a bill this week authorizing the maintenance and operation of a dam across the Colorado river and instructing the secretary of the Interior to spend \$50,000 in constructing a pumping plant and irrigating ditches. The bill throws open for public settlement 200,000 acres of rich agricultural land in the Colorado River Indian Reservation southwest of Parker. The Indians of the reservation are allowed 10 acres each which will total about 40,000 acres.

SUPERVISORIAL NEGLIGENCE.

Referring to the judgement of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County for heavy damages against Supervisor Pridham in favor of a lady who had sustained severe injuries from a fall over an embankment in a neglected public highway, lawyers say that the judgment is based on the fundamental idea of the legal right to immunity from harm. In this country the rule is that where an officer neglects his duty the law presumes damages. An officer must so perform his duty as to prevent the infliction of an injury. The Legislature has been awakened by this case against Supervisor Pridham to the necessity of a better definition of the liability of a supervisor for damages, and has under consideration a bill introduced by Mr. Lyon which provides that the supervisor shall not be liable for injury to any person from defective work unless such supervisor shall have had actual notice of such defective work and shall have failed for a reasonable time after actual notice to remedy such conditions.

It must also be made to appear that injury was sustained while the highway or public property was being carefully used and that due care was exercised to avoid such danger.

The act which has passed the Senate and approved by the governor, will become effective immediately.

Col. Roosevelt is on his way to the Coast. The Colonel is sure to be out on the platform of his Pullman and on the lookout for the new city of Tropico that has just sprung into being out here in this glorious sunset land, and under the shadow of which the mighty City of Angels is sweetly reposing. He is ever on the lookout for something nice to tell the people of The Outlook, and he sure will not miss Tropico.

Come out and take a stand along side of the Sentinel, look over the young city's fair possessions, proportions and possibilities, and be convinced that Tropico is the spot wherein to place your trust for the future. Come and we will show you, not only balmy climate and delightful scenery, but something more dependable upon which to build for prosperity and posterity.

Oh, yes. The movement of a fourth of the army of the United States down onto the Mexican border in these "piping times of peace" is all for a little fun. The transportation item in the game will cause a little expense, but when the sport of it is considered, what does that amount to? "What's the h'dds as long as you're 'appy."

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Dorothy Dutton entertained the little tots of the neighborhood last Tuesday afternoon, the occasion being the celebration of her fourth birthday.

Mrs. L. C. Rice attended a musical last week given at the home of Mrs. E. V. Parker of Roosevelt street, Los Angeles. Mrs. Parker will be remembered by many friends in Tropico and Glendale.

Mrs. Dwight Griswold, assisted by Mrs. C. R. Wilkinson entertained the Thursday Afternoon Club on the 2nd inst. Mrs. Nathan Weston, a worker in the College Settlement of Los Angeles, gave a very interesting talk on the work of the district nurses of Los Angeles.

Miss Cecelia Harris, assisted by Dr. Lillian Russell and Miss Harriet Meyers will entertain the Thursday Afternoon Club on March 16th. Susan E. Pierce, instructor in domestic science at the Y. W. C. A. of Los Angeles, will lecture on this interesting and useful subject.

Just before Easter the ladies of the library board of Tropico Library have arranged to conduct a bazaar in order to raise funds which are badly needed by the library. A definite announcement of the plans, date, etc., will be made later. An excellent entertainment is promised by the ladies who have this in charge.

Miss Eulalia Richardson, who is now studying at Stanford expects to complete her postgraduate course in May, when she will be prepared to teach in the high schools of the State.

At 2:30 Saturday afternoon at Choral Hall, Temple Auditorium Los Angeles, a meeting of parents and mothers will be held at which the subject of political equality of men and women will be discussed. Tropico and Glendale will be represented, and all are urged to attend who are interested in this subject, as interesting speakers will be heard.

On account of the illness of its president, Mrs. Mary H. Gridley, the meeting of the Parent Teachers' Association, which was to have been held tomorrow, will be postponed indefinitely. Notice will be given when the next meeting will take place.

Mr. and Mrs. Wash. Hunt of Pomona are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. May H. Gridley of North Brand Boulevard.

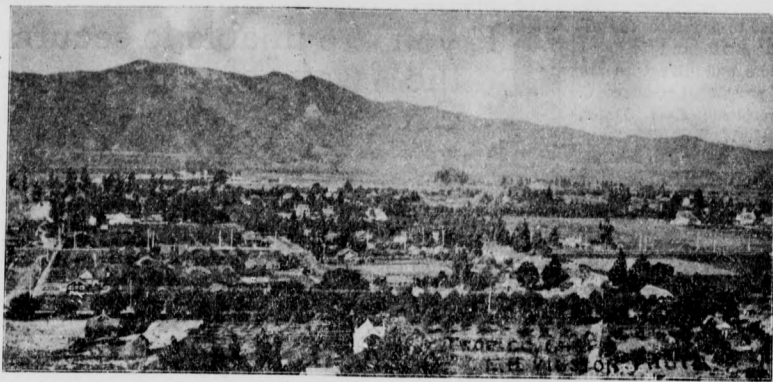
HASTEN PAVING.

The city has been trying for some time to improve its portion of San Fernando road, to connect with the good road paving, which has been completed for some time. As it is now, San Fernando Valley is enjoying good roads until the city limits are reached, there, easy access to the city is cut off by the deplorable condition of the streets.

Efforts to widen San Fernando road have failed, because of protests, and another attempt is now being made. In the meantime, City Engineer Hamilton will ask the Council to authorize the paving of a twenty-foot strip in the center of the road with asphalt. This will give the people an opening into the city, and at the same time leave the way open for future widening and paving operations.

GRANT TO GO TO CORONATION.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Maj.-Gen. Frederick D. Grant, at present commanding the Department of the East, has been selected as military aide on the staff of John Hays Hammond, the special ambassador to represent President Taft at the coronation of King George V.



ONE VIEW OF THE NEW CITY.

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COMMUNICATED.

What Will the Extra Session Do Toward Tariff Revision?

The tariff plank of the platform adopted by the California Republican State Convention last fall runs as follows: "Protection to American industries measured by the difference in labor cost at home and abroad, to be determined by a non-partisan, permanent tariff commission." A bill providing for a permanent tariff commission in the last Congress died aborning; strangled to death at the hands of Democratic filibusters. Funds were provided, however, for the continuation of the work of the existing temporary board. It is said that the work of this board is far enough along to supply data for the use of the extra session of Congress called for April 4 and in aid of reforming several of the more important schedules of the Payne-Aldrich measure. But whether so or not, the probabilities are that President Taft will have passed up to him for his approval amendments to that measure distinctly lowering the tariff, especially on woven woolen fabrics, and perhaps several other leading manufactured articles. The President's recommendations to the extra session will be awaited with anxious interest. He will, unquestionably, re-submit his Canadian Reciprocity Treaty. But he will be disappointed if he expects to "steam-roller" its acceptance without exhaustive debate or amendment. If we are to open our markets free to Canadian products it will be insisted upon, we believe, that no pernicious discrimination shall be perpetrated against any class of consumers. For example if wood-pulp is to be admitted free it should be of a value, if any value on it is to be fixed at all, that would not discriminate in favor of newspapers and against magazines, as the trade treaty in its present shape now does. President Taft clearly "has it in" for the magazines. He evidently wants to make their financial burdens as heavy as possible, both in the paper upon which the magazines are printed and in the distribution of them through the mails.

We wonder if the President will take the opportunity afforded him by the extra session to call upon Congress for a tariff measure that would conform to his party pledges for tariff reform on a downward scale of rates. We trust he will. We are not of that class of Republicans who are ready and willing to discredit William H. Taft.

N. C. BURCH.

The first-born of the new homes on the Richardson tract, the attractive new subdivision of Tropico, is sweet little Margaret Kroeger, born November 17, 1910. No prouder of the little blue-eyed newcomer are her parents than their neighbors.

RIVERS RISE TO HIGH MARK.

Much Land in North Flooded and Traffic Generally is Delayed.

SACRAMENTO, March 8.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Rising steadily today in response to the melting snow in the mountains, the rivers of the Sacramento and the San Joaquin Valleys gave evidence that the situation in the San Joaquin, in the vicinity of Mormon Slough, east of Stockton and at Colusa is critical. Unless the temperature turns suddenly cold and freezes the snow, and there is little possibility that it will, the rivers will continue to rise and the result may be floods in the section unprotected by good, substantial levees.

Men are patrolling the levees of Colusa tonight, guarding their homes from any break in the levee which may result in great loss of life and property.

Roaring torrents are rushing down the river past the town, submerging farm lands, which will mean the loss of thousands to the farmers, surrounding farmers' homes, and snuffing out the lives of stock like candles. One small break in the levee of Colusa was sprung this afternoon, but it was quickly closed with sacks. The conditions at Colusa are the worst in the valley.

STAGE DRIVER HERO.

Joseph Harless, a stage driver of Colusa, is one of the heroes of the day. Undaunted by the waters that whirled beneath he sprang from his stage into a little creek near Colusa and freed his horses from a barbed wire fence, saving his passengers from being washed down the stream when the stage upset.

Railroad traffic is still suspended at many points. The east side of the valley is still free of danger. Reports were received of suspended railroad traffic in Nevada and delayed mails at Grass Valley.

Reports from the mountain regions yesterday were that 303 inches of snow was on the summit. This is within twenty-one inches of the greatest amount of snow that has ever been known in that section.

Overland traffic on the two transcontinental railroads were at a complete standstill today on account of heavy snowslides in the Sierras. The backbone of the storm that raged throughout Northern California broken and indications are there will be little more rain. In the lower reaches great damage was done by the water and the loss will reach well up into the thousands of dollars.

The new Phelan Levee that protects the lands of the Phelan estate in the Chico and Hamilton city region broke at 11 o'clock last night, and hundreds of acres are under water. In Yolo many of the bridges have been damaged, the one at Madison having the high span swept away. Near Davis high water caused many families to move to the upper stories of their homes.

Near Hamilton City a corral containing 1500 head of cattle was filled with water and 200 head perished. J. McClusky, a deck hand on a river steamer, was drowned off Colusa. Ten feet of the big levee around Hamilton City was blown open with dynamite and conditions there relieved.

Train traffic on the west side of the Sacramento is still suspended north of Woodland because of washouts.

SNOWSLIDE GROWS.

The big snowslide at Crystal Lake grew in proportions today, great quantities of snow coming down and covering the track that had just been cleared by crews working all night. This is the biggest slide the company has ever had to contend with, and it will be some time tomorrow before trains from the East can pass.

The Sacramento River at Sacramento registers twenty-three feet this evening. The stream fell during the night, but is again rising, receiving the flood waters of the Yuba and Feather.

Presbyterian Church.

REV. C. BLANCHARD HATCH Pastor Bible School, with Baraca-Philathea Classes, 9:45 a. m. F. C. Richardson, Supt.

Sermon 11:00 a. m. Christian Endeavor 6:45; Evening Sermon 7:30. Wednesday evening: Lecture Room Talk, Conference and Prayer.

Church Parlor Meetings: Baraca-Philathea, Business and Social, third Friday of each month at 7:30 p. m. Ladies' Missionary Society, third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society, first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p. m.

People of the grand and glorious old Town of Tropico will now get together and "get busy."

SAN DIEGO WILL REAP HARVEST.

Two Full Regiments in the Bay City Makes Things Lively.

SAN DIEGO (Cal.) March 8.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Gen. Tasker Bliss, brigade commander of the United States troops ordered here, accompanied by Adj.-Gen. Ferguson and other staff officers, arrived this afternoon in advance of the two regiments which are now scheduled to arrive early tomorrow morning.

Gen. Bliss tonight stated that headquarters for the officers will be established at the old San Diego barracks at H and Columbia streets. These barracks were built in the early days of San Diego. They have not been occupied since the removal of the regular troops to Fort Rosecrans, eight or nine years ago. Gen. Bliss also stated that while the officers will be stationed on this side of the bay, the main camp will be located, as originally planned, near Fort Rosecrans. Communication will be held by telephone and by means of the government launches.

Gen. Bliss and his officers tonight are guests of the U. S. Grant Hotel. Gen. Bliss declined to discuss the real reasons why his troops were ordered here.

Preparations being made at the camp site at Point Loma show that more than a short stay of the troops is contemplated. All day plumbers from the quartermaster's construction department at Fort Rosecrans worked laying pipe lines for a water supply, and at the installation of a sewer system. Notwithstanding the rain, the camp ground was made ready today for the pitching of tents as soon as the equipment arrives here tomorrow.

The paymaster here has arranged to disburse about \$25,000 among the soldiers who are to arrive from the north.

Mystery still surrounds the orders to the torpedo flotilla. Commander Richardson at 8 o'clock tonight was still awaiting final orders to put to sea. He then stated that he anticipated he would get out about midnight. The midjet war demons are coaled, primed and in shape for a cruise or a fight, whatever happens to fit the case. Men of the crews were kept aboard all day. This was because it was first announced that the boats would be ordered to leave at 6 o'clock tonight. According to reports in circulation Commander Richardson will not break his sealed orders until he reaches the three-mile limit from shore. These reports further intimate that the destination of the war boats will be the lower coast of Mexico.

The cruisers now at San Pedro were expected to arrive at 6 o'clock tonight. They did not arrive. It is stated here that they will remain at San Pedro until the Buffalo, now en route from San Francisco, with fresh marines, reaches San Pedro, for the purpose of recruiting the ranks of the complement of marines on the respective cruisers.

San Diego, naturally, is much excited over the war game that is being played within the gates of the city. No one complains, as it means thousands of dollars flowing into the coffers of the business men.

NIGHT RIDER BARES SECRETS.

Witness Gives Details of How Tobacco Warehouses Were Fired.

HOPKINSVILLE (Ky.) March 8.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Milton Oliver's long-expected and much talked-of story from the inside of the night rider raid on Hopkinsville was told this afternoon in the trial of Dr. David A. Amos, who, he declared, was the foremost man of the organization and led the raid on this town.

Oliver said he joined the night riders in 1906 or 1907 and had known Dr. Amos four or five years.

He told in detail of how his organization, known as Nabbs' School House Lodge, mobilized with the Cedar Grove Lodge, on instructions from Wallonia, Trigg county, the lodges being denominated as Squad No. 2. The squad was instructed to capture the Hopkinsville police and hold them while the Wallonia Lodge, known as Squad No. 1, was to fire the tobacco warehouse.

On the way to Hopkinsville, he said, other lodges joined the marchers. Before starting into Hopkinsville, Dr. Amos lined them up and gave them final instructions, Oliver testified.

He also said that Guy Dunning was captain of Squad No. 1, and B. G. Maloney was head of Squad No. 2. He detailed how the first warehouse was fired by breaking into the office and piling boxes, chairs, etc., together and saturating them with oil. He declared Newton Nicholas and John Robinson both assisted in the work. After burning the

first warehouse, the raiders went to the second and fired it also.

When cross-examined, Oliver admitted that on two occasions he had testified in the Federal Court at Paducah in suits for damages in which he was named as a defendant, that he was not a night rider and knew nothing of their doings and secrets. He also admitted that since he appeared before the grand jury here in March, 1910, he gave a sworn affidavit at Princeton repudiating his testimony. He said he did this for fear that if he did not he would be killed.

Methodist Church.

Rev. W. C. Botkins, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Epworth League meeting at 6:30 p. m.

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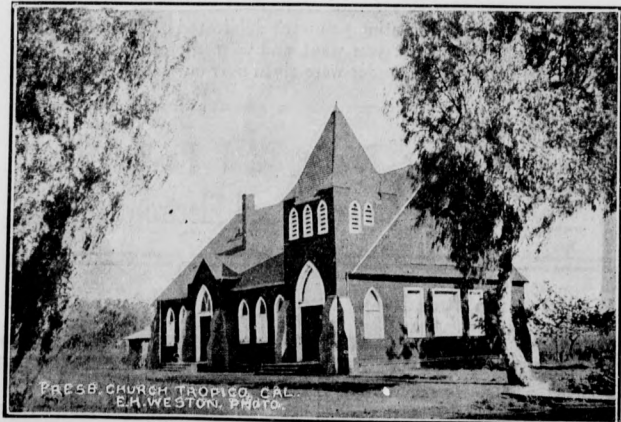
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